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To: CSBG Provider Network

From: Lloyd Throne, Director

Re: Targeted Initiatives Discretionary Process

Dear CSBG Providers,

We are thrilled with the tremendous response we received regarding the Targeted Initiatives Request for Application (RFA). We received a total of 39 applications, varying in subject. We appreciate your quick response and support of this project.

Hoyd Throne

Due to the volume of applications received, CSD is extending the original timeline set forth for this process. A three-person panel is currently evaluating each application. We expect this process to be completed by the week of November 27th. The awards to successful applicants will be made in consecutive phases pending passage of the Health and Human Services (HHS) Appropriations bill by Congress. Many have surmised that this issue may be passed to the Democratic controlled 110th Congress. Because we have yet to receive the Federal Budget for 2007, we will be postponing the awarding of these discretionary contracts until after the budget is released. At that time, the first group of awards will be granted. We are hopeful that the successful applicants will be announced the first week of December.

We appreciate your cooperation and understanding in this matter. CSD is committed to assisting you in meeting the needs of the low-income communities and will continue to work towards providing you the resources to achieve this goal.